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TAGS: EAID, MT
SUBJ: MALTESE PRI MIN VISIT TO KUWAIT

REF: VALLETTA 0625

1. MALTESE PRI MIN MINTOFF SPENT MARCH 21-23 IN KUWAIT, CALLING ON THE AMIR AND ENGAGING IN DISCUSSIONS WITH KUWAITI HEIR APPARENT/PRI MIN SHEIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLAH, DEP PRI MIN/FON MIN SHEIKH SABAH AL-AHMAD, MIN ELECTRICITY AND WATER AL-GHANIM, AND KUWAIT AIRLINES OFFICIALS. MINTOFF TALKED SEPARATELY WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (KFAED) AL-HAMAD AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT AL-SAGAR. PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT KFAED IS LIKELY TO SEND A TEAM TO MALTA TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, AND THAT KUWAIT HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO HELP FINANCE AN "80 MILLION DOLLAR PORT PROJECT," TO WHICH THE UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA "WILL CONTRIBUTE." OFFICIAL SOURCES WERE QUOTED BEFORE MINTOFF ARRIVED
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AS SAYING THAT THE TALKS WERE TO BE STRICTLY ECONOMIC.

2. COMMENT: IF MALTA'S PORT PROJECT IS DEEMED ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, KFAED MIGHT PARTICIPATE AFTER IT COMPLETES A STUDY. THE KUWAITIS ARE NOTABLY CAUTIOUS AND BUSINESSLIKE ABOUT REQUESTS FOR FOREIGN AID. HOWEVER, KFAED DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS DENIED TO EMBOFF MARCH 25 ANY KNOWLEDGE OF

KUWAITI PARTICIPATION IN PORT FUNDING. HE NOTED THAT
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS ON FISHERIES AND WASTE
DISPOSAL HAVE BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR SOME TIME AND
THAT THE FORMER WOULD SOON BE APPROVED. KUWAIT AIRLINES
OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF MARCH 25 EARLIER PRESS
REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT AIR MALTA WILL BEGIN FLIGHTS
TO AND FROM DUBAI (STOPPING IN KUWAIT ON EACH TRIP
AND RETURN) ON MAY 3, 1978, USING BOEING 720B AIRCRAFT.
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